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Classified By: Ambassador Ryan C. Crocker for Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

- 11. (C) UNAMI SRSG Staffan de Mistura told us (and the Prime Minister's office confirms) that the Prime Minister has agreed to contribute \$25 million towards the construction of the new UNAMI compound in 2009. The GOI will also pay an additional \$25 million in 2010 for a total of \$50 million overall, meeting the U.N. request to fund 50 percent of the expected cost of the new compound.
- 12. (C) De Mistura said that while some in the U.N. continued to press for the full \$50 million now, he considered the two-tranche commitment a very good outcome and would so report to the ACABQ meeting this week in New York. We agree.

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